

Durham Senior Citizen Board Minutes
Wednesday, October 28, 2015
Durham Activity Center
1 p.m.

Call to order: meeting called to order at 1:06 pm.

Roll Call: in attendance: Chairman Lainy Melvin, Vice Chairman Henry Coe.

Members: Karin Thody, Norm Hicks, Dede Levy, MaryEllen Dontigney, Beverly Pedersen

Staff: Human Resources Director Amanda Pedersen; Recreation Director Sherry Hill.

Absent: Stu Keating, Jim Martenelli

Approve Agenda:

Motion to approve: Norm Hicks .All approved.

Approve Minutes

Henry Coe moved to approve September 16, 2015 minutes. Norm Hicks second. Minutes approved.

Reports

1. Social Services Director Amanda Pedersen
 - a. Amanda passed out November Senior Newsletter.
 - b. The Thanksgiving baskets for families in the community will be put together on Nov. 24. Anyone who wants to help will be most welcome.
 - c. The Giving Tree will be located in the First Selectman's office and assembly and distribution will be on Dec. 17.
 - d. Free flu clinic will be at the DAC on November 3, 10 am to 7 pm.
 - e. Amanda reported that she completed a mandatory State course on food handling on October 21.
2. Recreation Director Sherry Hill
 - a. Painted scarf class canceled. Only 2 people signed up – needed 5 for a class.
 - b. In order to encourage an interest in Bingo, Sherry suggested we hold a special Holiday Bingo in early December. A motion to approve was made by Henry and was seconded by MaryEllen. Henry will ask Carolyn Adams for a donation as a special prize.

Old Business

1. Amanda will announce to Seniors that there will be an Arts and Crafts table once a month at a Senior luncheon. Participants can set prices for their items and the proceeds go to them.

2. Lainy reported that she and her husband attended the Driver Safety Course at the Library. She said it was very informative and an added benefit is having 5% taken off your insurance.
3. Yoga tune up class had 8 participants.
4. Tai Chi free class at the Library has 20 attendees including Norm and MaryEllen. They enjoyed the class and will pursue with the instructor having a class for Seniors at the DAC.

New Business

1. Senior Board welcomed new members Dede Levy and MaryEllen Dontigney.. .
2. Luncheon to honor veterans will be November 6. Twenty-two people have signed up so far. Music will be provided by Susan Peak of Studio Blue Guitar.
3. Sign board purchased from Colors of the Wind for \$25. Sherry will design a two-sided sign using black and red colors and containing info: Senior Luncheon Monday and Wednesday at Noon, 860-349-3153. A suggestion was made to have a contest to design a Durham Activity Center logo.
4. Henry will inquire about a presentation at one of the Soup and Salad luncheons by "Race for Chase", a foundation started by the parents of one of the Newtown tragedy victims to keep their son's memory and his love of triathalons alive.
5. There will be a combined Holiday/Volunteers/Birthdays luncheon on December 11 at the Library. Lainy will contact Chef Kevin Smith about providing the meal. Gift ideas were suggested for the volunteers.
6. Suggestions for Soup and Salad Luncheons going forward were: The Audubon Society does an educational program using birds of prey, a Health Fair (Lainy will check to see if the schools already have one planned), and a judged baking contest. Lainy will also contact Kathy Veronessi about another luncheon at the high school.

Board members' concerns, comments and ideas None

Adjourn: Norm Hicks moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Dede Levy.

Meeting adjourned at 2:14 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Diane Miramant, Secretary